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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MAY 24, 2018 MOTORCYCLE STOLEN VIA CRAIGSLIST AD

On Monday May 21, 2018, a New York resident reported that someone had stolen his motorcycle that he had brought to Trumbull to sell.

The seller stated that he had placed an ad on *CraigsList* looking to sell his 2006 Yamaha YZ450 motorcycle. He was contacted by a local male who claimed he was interested in purchasing the vehicle. The two agreed to set up a meet at an address on Rocky Hill Terrace in Trumbull to make the purchase.

When the two met at the prearranged location, the buyer asked to take the motorcycle for a test ride. The seller agreed to the test ride without obtaining any information or collateral from the buyer beforehand. The prospective buyer then left on the vehicle and never returned.

CraigsList is an online website that is commonly used to connect buyers and sellers through the internet, using a minimal exchange of identification. Trumbull Police are warning area residents to use caution with such websites, since several similar thefts have occurred recently when these sales meetings were arranged at public locations. For additional information on safety and precautions when using CraigsList to make purchases or exchanges, go to; www.craigslist.org/about/safety

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